## Coming to a Location Near You... SPOT THE MASCOT Contest

The SHE Communications Team is sponsoring the **SPOT THE MASCOT Contest** in November, to support the centerwide VPP activity. The contest is designed to offer employees an interesting and fun opportunity to refresh their knowledge of the Safety, Health, and Environmental (SHE) Program at MSFC.

When the MSFC application to the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) is accepted, OSHA will schedule an Onsite Evaluation visit. One key purpose of the visit is to verify that our SHE Program is an active, vital force in all MSFC facilities and operations, rather than something that only exists on paper.

OSHA will verify this by randomly selecting and interviewing employees, to see what they know and think about the SHE Program. If too many of us can't answer the questions correctly, OSHA will rightly conclude that our *real* safety and health program doesn't measure up to what we describe in our SHE Program directives.

To earn a VPP Star, each of us must know and live the parts of the SHE Program that relate to the work we do.

Beginning November 13th, the SHE Communications Team will sponsor a month-long contest to help us prepare for our OSHA interviews. The MSFC Safety Mascots will make scheduled public appearances throughout the Center, giving us a chance to test our SHE Program knowledge and practice answering impromptu questions. The **SPOT THE MASCOT Contest** is open to all civil service and contractor employees, because OSHA may choose to interview any of us.

When you see a Safety Mascot, introduce yourself and ask for a test question. Questions will be based on things you should know in order to plan, work, make decisions, and request assistance in the safest possible way at MSFC.

Safety Mascots will give a small reward to each employee who answers a question correctly. If you answer incorrectly, you'll get the proper answer and a small consolation prize. Mascots will spend only one hour in a building, so don't hesitate to step right up and test your SHE Program knowledge and aim for the VPP Star! Everyone who participates will receive a prize.

To correctly answer the mascot's questions, employees need to know the information provided on the MSFC VPP Web Page, under Special Events. You are encouraged to review that information, and refresh your memory. You will then be ready for the **SPOT THE MASCOT Contest**, and helping to improve our chances of earning the VPP Star at MSFC.

The SHE Communications Team will post information about the **SPOT THE MASCOT Contest** on the SHE Web Page and VPP Web Page. The Safety Mascot visit schedule will be posted there, with updates published on *Inside Marshall* and in *Centerwide Activity Notices*. Watch these announcements to find your opportunity to join the MSFC team in aiming for success!